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SUBJECT: Space Station Operations Task Force Report

The Space Station Operations Task Force (SSOTF) has completed, and I have accepted, its report as a reference point from which to implement the Program's concept for operations. A draft version of this document was released within NASA and some of you may have already seen it. The report is clearly a thoughtful and extensive analysis of key Space Station Program parameters.

At this time, the Program is identifying the programmatic areas specifically impacted by the SSOTF recommendations: flight element and onboard systems designs; ground support systems and procedures for planning and conducting operations and utilization; ground facility construction; organizational roles and responsibilities; and, of course, the operations-related program management techniques, including the program documentation.

As a major part of this effort, the Space Station Program will assure careful review of all SSOTF recommendations. Our next steps will include meetings with the appropriate NASA Headquarters offices and with the international partners to establish the process and schedule for a detailed review, adoption, and implementation.

Space Station utilization and operations will clearly "touch" every NASA organization; this report gives a sense of the scope of this involvement. It presents an exciting view of the future for those who will be using and operating the manned base and platforms. Also, when proceeding with implementation, it implies that NASA must provide a strong team effort focused from the outset on assuring effective and affordable long-term utilization and operations.

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for Andrew J. Stofan

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